

**“LOCAL LEVEL RECOVERY PLANNING AND HAZARD MITIGATION WORKSHOP”**  
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In the year 2004 and 2005, Asia has suffered great losses, both in terms of materials and human lives, due to two devastating disasters: the 2004 Asian Tsunami and the 2005 South Asian earthquake. It has been over a year since the Asian Tsunami, but the post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation activities are still on-going in the affected countries. Post-disaster recovery phase is now being recognized as an opportunity for incorporation of mitigation strategies for future hazards and to aim to “build back better conditions, prior to disaster”. Proper planning at recovery stage assists local governments to identify the means to rebuild their community to improve standards of hazard resilience compared to before the disaster. Simultaneously, as part of the recovery planning process, local hazard mitigation planning should be undertaken.

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), in cooperation with PBS&J, a US-based consulting firm engaged in risk and emergency management, is organizing the **“LOCAL LEVEL RECOVERY PLANNING AND HAZARD MITIGATION WORKSHOP”** on **2-4 August 2006** at the **AIT Conference Center** in Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop will bring together disaster management professionals from the NDMOs, Red Cross societies and local NGOs of the countries affected by major disasters in the past two years.

The workshop will focus on two major themes - recovery planning and hazard mitigation planning, and has the following objectives:

- To provide participants with the tools needed to develop a recovery plan that includes sustainable redevelopment principles, which enables communities to enhance local economies, improve environmental conditions and incorporate hazard mitigation into post-disaster reconstruction.
- To share with the participants various risk assessment techniques that local government officials can use to more effectively identify known hazards, document past occurrences and determine their expected vulnerability to those hazards.
- To provide a platform for the participants to share experiences & lessons learned from their own experience.